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See Also

Mr. Davidson
Principal
Guelph Collegiate Institute
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such a place for using this money.

Of course as the way of using it is not definitely settled I would ask that you would not say anything of it until the matter is definitely arranged.

Sincerely yours
Gerda Kilgour
(Mrs J. T. Kilgour).

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Dec. 19th 1918.

My dear Sir Robert.

You will not remember the writer by name, but I am Col. McCrae's daughter and I met you in Guelph last winter.

One of my brother Jack's friends (whose identity will not be disclosed) thinks of offering through me (and of course my name will not appear either) the sum of $10,000 in bonds bearing interest at 4½%

to provide a memorial that shall bear Jack's name and pass on to others who shall come after him a lasting token of his keep.

Until the matter is definitely settled nothing is to be said (and even my Father does not know of this gift) but I feel interested in the idea of a scholarship in Toronto University for the benefit of a student of the Guelph Collegiate Institute - say for four years to each student chosen.

If a plan for such a scholarship could be arranged to suit me (and the given) I think it might be the very best way to use it. I should be very grateful if you will tell me what you have to suggest in regard to some such plan. It could not be used until next fall in any case, but I would like to know what you (or who ever attends to such matters at the University) would think of

it would be necessary to provide for future years. She given as Red that my Mother should be given the privledge (if she cared) to have the choice during her lifetime. I feel sure she would not wish to do this herself but she might be put on the committee, I suppose, just to carry out the wish of the Donor and the regular committee would not be changed by her presence.

I think your idea of helping the student who would profit the ideals for which Jack lived is the ideal one - and it is that question of choosing the committee that seems



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My dear Sir Robert.

I have delayed answering your Kind letter until I should have some definite information to ask for.

In regard to the lectureship the donor feels that it is preferable that the gift shall go toward the development of a succession of young lives in the more personal way of helping suitable men in the Arts course.

Your suggestion about the medical course following arts seems to me different - would it tend to

send into medecine a student whose natural bent was in some other direction? I know neither of my brothers thought of medecine when they went into arts.

Would you think the whole amount of interest should go to one student for 4 yrs or would it be better to give half the amount for 4 yrs to two students - making the award come every two years? One to begin next fall and another in two years? If the award came only once in 4 years there might be a tendancy to hang back to get it - or it might miss the student most needing it. Still that may be unavoidable.

To me it would not seem well to have the choice merely on the basis of examination as then the award does not always go where it is most required. The idea of the giver was I gather the desire to help those who merited and also needed help. If the gift is to go in that way what do you suggest as to the committee to chose the student? The Principals of the Guelph Collegiate Institute should be one I should think by virtue of his position. Would another be appointed by the University? It would be easy to name a committee at present - but

even if a student is not helped financially by his people he could get through with what half the interest would give him and his own efforts.

With Kindest regards

Sincerely yours

Geiles Kilgour.

Jan. 23rd.

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difficult. That is to provide for future years and to prefice the stipulation that it is a Guelph C. I. student who receives it. It would be quite possible I think to arrange it that if a student seemed to be the one the committee felt should receive further help - say in medecine. That such help could be given for a longer period.

Next Tuesday (Jan. 28th) is the anniversary of Jack's death. If you thought it suitable

would you care to announce in the press this gift on that day? Although the details are not settled the fact that a gift of $10,000 had been offered to the University to found a scholarship for students of the Guelph Collegiate Institute in memory of the Col. McCrae would be of interest to very many of his friends and mark the day. This however is only if it meets with your approval - perhaps you prefer to wait until the details are all settled.

If you will some time let me know what you think of the question of one or two students receiving the money at once and of the plan to appoint the committee to chose the student I can send you the details more fully and you can suggest changes.

Jack himself had to work so hard to put himself through medicine that I feel it developed many of his points of strength and I wondered if it should be made too easy for one student by giving the whole amount.

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PERSONAL.

April
11th,
1919.

Sir Robt. Falconer,

President, University of Toronto,

TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Sir:

You may remember some correspondence with my wife on the subject of a gift of $10,000 to endow a scholarship in memory of her brother, the late Lt.-Col. John McCrae. Mr. Kilgour is at the present time ill and asks me to take the matter up again with you. I accordingly enclose a tentative draft of a memorandum setting forth some of the terms and features of the proposed scholarships. In this draft an endeavor has been made to follow the views and wishes of the donor so far as they have been expressed. Before proceeding further with anything in the nature of a hard and fast disposition of the fund it is desired that the draft be submitted to you and any suggestions, whether as to form and substance, will be very gratefully received and considered. As I have already said, this draft is purely tentative and is, I feel, rather crude and inartificial.

The fund consists of $10,000 in United States Liberty bonds yielding 4½%. It has been suggested that with a little addition this might be converted into Canadian War Bonds

[illegible] Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
TORONTO, ONT.

[illegible] so as to yield at least 5% on the investment. This is the significance of [illegible] these.

I confess to misgivings as to the constitution of the selecting committee although no better plan has suggested itself. There are various references to the Faculty, the Senate and University authorities. I do not pretend that the reference is in each case appropriate, and as already stated, should be glad of any changes or suggestions that may occur to you to make available.

The fund is now available and it is hoped that the matter may be in shape for completion as soon as possible. Could it be in time for this year's calendar?

Yours very truly,

J. Kilgour

Encl:

P.S. Dr. Thomas McCrae of Philadelphia has been sent this draft. Both he & I feel that a perusal of some other - just similar - instruments creating Scholarship endowments would be of assistance. Are any such available? J.K.

April 17th, 1919

J. F. Kilgour, Esq.,

Brantford, Ont.

Dear Mr. Kilgour:

I have your letter of April 8th with regard to the scholarships which it is proposed to establish in memory of the late Lt.-Colonel John McCrae, and I have gone through the tentative draft once or twice and have also gone through it with the Registrar of the University. He and I are agreed that it is excellently drawn up and that there seems to be no reason why there should be any changes made in it.

The only change that I would suggest is in paragraph 3, where I think that instead of "the Council of the Faculty of Arts" I would substitute "the Senate of the University of Toronto".

I think that as you suggest by reason of not filling the one scholarship for two years and additions through lapsed scholarships the amount would soon be increased so as to yield 5% on the investment.

As to the selection of the Committee I am of opinion that it would not be much better, as unquestionably the Principal of the Guelph Collegiate Institute should be one member; a representative of your family should be another, and the President of the University or his nominee should be a third.

Also, that they should be awarded not primarily on the basis of excellence on examinations, though intellectual standing should certainly count.

I am sure that the scholarships will be a great means of preserving among the youth of his home district the name of one who has so embedded himself in the memories of his own generation.

I am going to send you shortly a photograph of the temporary memorial board on which the names of the fallen are inscribed at the University. They gather round a cross on poppy flowers and on the cross "In Flanders' fields" has been engraved. The work was done by a member of our staff, and the whole is very effective. It stands in the main entrance of the old building of the University.

I hope that Mrs. Gilgour has recovered from her illness. Will you please give her my kind regards ?

I am returning the copy of the deed of gift. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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June 7th, 1919

J. F. Hellmuth, Esq., K.C.,

Brandon, Man.

Dear Mr. Hellmuth:

Many thanks for your letter and the enclosed deed of gift to the University of the United States bonds for $10,000. I will present the deed and your letter to the Board of Governors at its next meeting, where I am sure it will be received with much gratitude.

I may say that I made public announcement of the gift yesterday afternoon when at Convocation the annual degrees were given to the graduating classes. The announcement was received with great satisfaction. I am sure that the scholarships will serve as a high incentive to the youth of Guelph and its surroundings, and will also be a lasting and worthy memorial of one of Guelph's greatest sons.

As to the conversion of the bond into a Canadian war bond I will lay that before the Board of Governors. I am sure that the Governors will gladly have Mrs. Hellmuth on the selecting committee. I will also ask the Board of Governors to make suggestions as to how the bond may be transmitted to Toronto in safety.

We shall also make announcement of the gift to the Guelph Collegiate Institute.

Please give Mrs. Hellmuth my kind regards, and

assure her that we appreciate the donation and will endeavour to the utmost of our ability to carry out its terms in the spirit in which the gift was made.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.